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## **GLENDAL PARKS & RECREATION RECEIVES AWARDS AT STATE CONFERENCE**

**GLENDAL, Ariz.** – The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department received two awards at the 2006 Arizona Parks and Recreation Association (APRA) state conference. The 2006 Community/Neighborhood Special Event Award went to the department's Touch A Truck event, and the Rose Lane Aquatics Center received the 2006 Outstanding Facility Award.

The Touch A Truck event is the only event of its kind in the West Valley. It offered visitors a rare opportunity to climb aboard, touch, interact with and learn about big trucks. Over 20 organizations provided large trucks, heavy equipment and specialty vehicles for the nearly 2,000 attendees. The free event received the award for its ability to educate children about the dangers in playing at construction sites and emphasizing the need for adults to supervise children carefully around those environments through a recreational, social family event.

The Rose Lane Aquatics Center replaced the Rose Lane Pool, originally built in 1966. The new family-friendly facility boasts a beach-entry pool with play structures, spray pad, in-pool misting systems, water slide, six-lane competitive pool and diving tank. The surrounding the pools are spacious decks and shaded grassy terrain allowing residents to relax and take a break from the water features. In just its first month of operation, the center accommodated nearly 30,000 recreational swimmers. The

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Outstanding Facility Award recognizes the construction of outstanding parks, recreation and/or cultural facilities.

APRA is a not-for-profit organization established in 1950 representing Arizona residents who are joined together with a common bond of interest in recreation and park services. It consists of over 1,000 professional and citizen members from city, town, county, state, federal and private agencies who support quality recreation programs, facilities, parks and conservation areas.

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